

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5, 9-16, 20-23, 26, 28 and 29 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 9-12, 20-23 and 26 are amended, claims 6-8, 17-19, 24, 25 and 27 are canceled and claims 28 and 29 are added.

#### **I. The Restriction Requirement**

The Office Action makes the June 14, 2007 Restriction Requirement final and withdraws claims 24 and 25 from consideration. Accordingly, by this Amendment, claims 24 and 25 are canceled.

#### **II. Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action indicates that claims 8, 10, 19 and 21 contain allowable subject matter. The indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation. As explained in more detail below, the allowable subject matter has been incorporated into the independent claims.

#### **III. The Claims are Allowable Over Cole and Krueger**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9, 11-18, 20, 22, 23, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Cole (U.S. Patent No. 5,464,955), in view of Krueger (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,601). By this Amendment, the allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 19 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 12, respectively. In addition, the allowable subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into independent claim 26. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 12 and 26 are allowable. The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons, and for the additional features which they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**IV. New Claims 28 and 29**

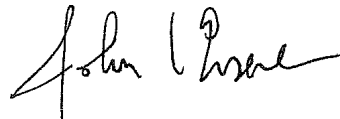
By this Amendment, new claims 28 and 29 are added to the application. These claims depend from claim 26. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 28 and 29 are allowable for the reasons discussed above, and for the additional features which they recite.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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